

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Claims 23, 24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,968,885 to Hassan et al. Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,551,821 to Hall. Claims 15, 25, 26 and 28-30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 19 and 20 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-3, 6-12, 16-18, 21 and 22 were allowed by the Examiner. Additional art was cited of interest.

Applicants and applicants' counsel note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter concerning claims 1-3, 6-12, 15-22, 25, 26 and 28-30.

In accordance with the present response, allowable claims 15, 25, 26 and 28-30 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of the corresponding base and intervening claims. Allowable independent claim 19 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C.

§112, second paragraph, by changing "tape guide" to "linear guide." Claims 14, 23, 24 and 27 have been canceled, thereby rendering the prior art rejections of these claims moot.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

The amendments to the claims made herein do not raise new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. Instead, allowable claims 15, 25, 26 and 28-30 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of the corresponding base and intervening claims, allowable independent claim 19 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and claims 14, 23, 24 and 27 have been canceled, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance with claims 1-3, 6-12, 15-22, 25-26 and 28-30.



In view of the foregoing amendments and discussion, the application is believed to be in allowable form. Accordingly, entry of this amendment and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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